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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, NI

SUBJECT: AIG CASE

1. MARCH 20, UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO, WHO PLANS TO RETURN TO LAGOS MARCH 21 TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, TO INFORM JOLAOSO OF OUR CONCERN THAT UNLESS THE AIIC CASE IS RESOLVED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, THE COMPANY WILL FILE A CLAIM OF EXPROPRIATION WHICH, IF SUSTAINED, COULD REQUIRE THE INVOCATION OF THE GONZALES AND HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENTS. COOPER DID THIS BY TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO SAVE JOLAOSO TIME. OUR ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO INVITE JOLAOSO TO CALL ON COOPER FOR DISCUSSION OF THE CASE.

2. JOLAOSO'S REACTION WAS DEFENSIVE. HE SAID IN EFFECT THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE COMPANY WAS INSISTING ON A MEETING WITH MINISTERS AND THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WAS UP TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE COMPANY SHOULD BE RECEIVED. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT
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THE CAPITAL ISSUES COMMISSION IS THE COMPETENT BODY FOR REDRESS.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, NIGERIAN DCM EMENYI TELEPHONED AF/W TO SAY THAT THE EMBASSY HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS

REGARDING THE ANSWER THAT SHOULD BE MADE TO A TELEGRAM

AIG PRESIDENT GREENBERG SENT OBASANJO IN MID-DECEMBER REGARDING A HIGH LEVEL MEETING FOR THE COMPANY. EMENYI SAID THE EMBASSY HAD INSTRUCTED THE COMPANY TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF COMPENSATION FOR ITS SHARES WITH THE CAPITAL ISSUES COMMISSION. EMENYI SAID THAT JOLAOSO HAD BEEN ABLE TO REFER TO THIS INSTRUCTION WHEN COOPER TELEPHONED EARLIER THAT DAY.

4. WE ARE DELIVERING AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY WHICH OUTLINES THE US GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN IN THIS CASE ALONG THE LINES EXPLAINED IN PARAGRAPH ONE. COPY WILL BE POUCHED EMBASSY.

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